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Dear Paul:

Thank you for your letter of June 7 concerning Mr. Friedman's work in Hong Kong. He was appreciative of your comments at the PROCIB meeting; we will have a copy of your letter placed in the Department's personnel files.

This is also a belated acknowledgement of your letter of January 27 to Mr. Donald B. McCue in which you commented on the service that Mr. Sidney Friedland had rendered to the Publications Procurement Program. We have, of course, included a copy of your letter in Mr. Friedland's personnel file. He was informed of this and was grateful for your effort in his behalf.

May I note that we do appreciate letters such as these, particularly in the case where an officer has put forth a genuine effort to do a good job in the procurement field. As you are well aware, duty in procurement activities is regarded with mixed feelings by some Foreign Service personnel. When one of them turns in a good performance, it is helpful for the general welfare of the program when his record can favorably reflect his tour of duty. You have been most forthcoming in this regard.

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May I say in connection with your letter of January 27 that I viewed with pleasure and amusement your statement, "I have especially appreciated his ability to get along with my associates..." We have found [redacted] and their staffs not only thoroughly able and qualified genuine professionals in the best sense, but people with whom it has been a pleasure to do business, both on matters where we are in agreement and on those occasional points where there has been disagreement.

Sincerely,

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